In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Between the title and "Field of Invention", insert the following:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. §371 of the PCT/EP99/05459 filed July 30, 1994.--

Page 1, lines 22-27:

-$(CH_2)_r Ar_1$ where r is 0, 1 or 2 and Ar is an aromatic group chosen among benzene, naphthalene, thiophene, benzothiophene, pyridine, quinoline, indole, furan, benzofuran, thiazole, benzothiazole, imidazole, benzoimidazole, possibly substituted with up to 2 substituents chosen among C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} haloalkyl, C_{1-3} alkyloxy and C_{2-4} amino-alkyloxy, halogens, OH, NH_2, CN, NR_6R_7, where R_6 and R_7, are the same or different, and are H or C_{1-3} alkyl.

Page 1, line 29-32 to Page 1a, line 2:

-$(CH_2)_rAr_1$ where r is 0, 1 or 2 and Ar_1 is an aromatic group chosen among: benezene, naphthalene, thiophene, benzothiophene, pyridine, quinoline, indole, furan, benzofuran, thiazole, benzothiazole, imidazole, benzoimidazole, possibly substituted with up to 2 groups chosen among: C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3}haloalkyl, C_{1-3} alkyloxy and C_{2-4} amino-alkyloxy, halogens, OH, NH_2, CN, NR_6R_7, where R_6 and R_7 are the same or different and are H or C_{1-3} alkyl.

Page 2, lines 10-12

or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are linked to form a piperazine possibly substituted at one of its nitrogen atoms by C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} acyl or methanesulfonyl;

Page 3, lines 10-14

In WO9834949 it is described how compounds having lower molecular weight, monocyclic, containing only four bi-functional residues linked among each other by a peptide or pseudopeptide bond present pharmacological activity similar or higher than that of known compounds and moreover show a high selectivity for the human NK2 receptor.

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Page 5, line 5 delete "triptophane" insert --tryptophane--.

More preferred are the compounds of formula (1) wherein:

$-X_1$, X_2, X_3, X_4 are -CONR-,

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-R is H;

$-R_1$ is the lateral chain of tryptophane;

$-R_2$ is the lateral chain of phenylalanine substituted with up to two residues selected from the group consisting of: chlorine, fluorine, CF_3, OH, and CN; or a group 3-pyridyl-methyl, or 4-pyridyl-methyl;

$-R_3$ is benzyl,

and the other substituents are as above defined.

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R_9 is a group chosen among: 4-tetrahydropyranyl, 4-tetraiodrothiopyranyl, 1-oxotetraiodrothiopyran-4-yl, 1,1 dioxo-tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, N-methyl-4-piperidinyl, N-methansulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, N-aminosulfonyl-4-piperdinyl, or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are linked represent N-methyl-piperazinyl, N-acetyl-piperazinyl, piperazinyl, N-methanesulfonyl-piperazinyl.

Page 10, line 32 and page 11, line 1

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As starting compound the cyclo {Succinic[1-(R)-amino]-Trp-Phe-[(R)-NH-CH($CH_2C_6H_5$)-CH_2-NH]-} (Compound A).